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[redacted] in Neustrelitz  
([redacted] 54/U 54) on 14 February 1950:

a. Barracks in the northern part of the town, on the eastern side of the road to Penzlin:

(1) All five gates were guarded by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Most of the officers wore tank insignia, some artillery insignia. Four garages were occupied by tanks. One tank with a turret shaped like the back of a turtle [redacted]

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[redacted] About 10 AT guns were stored in a garage and trucks were in two other garages. About 120 unarmed troops drilled in the western barracks section. Motor vehicle drill (mounting, dismounting and changing of tires) was observed near the garages in the eastern barracks section.

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(4) About 60 troops with carbines and submachine guns drilled at the training field opposite the barracks.

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(5) Troops at platoon level were practicing with blank cartridges at the training field north of the barracks (1).

b. Alte Kaserne:

Occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 30 trucks were observed in the storage sheds of the barracks. Trucks [redacted]

[redacted] were identified in barracks traffic (2).

c. Restricted area "South" with 30 houses and 3 cantonment buildings on Strelitzerstrasse:

Lightly occupied by Soviet dependents. Artillery and tank officers were observed entering and leaving. The cantonment buildings were guarded by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The former manor house SE of the restricted area was surrounded by a barbed-wire fence. A signboard with the Russian inscription "no smoking" was seen at the house. Guards wore red-bordered black epaulets (4).

d. Restricted area "East", NE of Glambeck Lake:

(1) Residential area with about 50 large and medium villas. Main gate on Hohenzierlitzerstrasse was guarded by a double sentry wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Many officers, primarily field officers, belonging to the following branches of service were observed:

(2) Most of the officers belonged to artillery and tank units, some to infantry, signal, technical and medical units. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen in the restricted area:

(3) A service station with a repair shop was SE of the main gate. The pump was guarded by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

(5) Passenger car [redacted] and truck [redacted] were parked in front of two requisitioned houses south of restricted area "East" (3).

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e. Restricted area with 8 to 10 houses NW of Hohen-  
zierlitzerstrasse: Occupied by a unit, estimated at  
1 company, with black-bordered black epaulets. Many  
telephone lines lead from that area to restricted  
area "East".

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f. Hospital (former secondary school building) on  
Luisenstrasse:

(1) There was little pedestrian traffic of officers and  
EM belonging to various branches of service.

(2) Passenger cars and ambulance  
were at the parking lots of the hospital.  
Mostly medical officers and some officers wearing red-  
bordered black epaulets were observed in the restricted  
street section behind the hospital. Guards posted there  
were red-bordered black epaulets (5).

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g. The requisitioned section of the power plant on  
Luisenstrasse was guarded by soldiers wearing red-bordered  
black epaulets.

h. Kommandatura in 4 houses on the junction of Elisabeth-  
strasse and Thaelmannstrasse:

Infantry personnel were observed in one house and sol-  
diers wearing green-bordered red epaulets in another  
house, in front of which truck was parked.

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i. Fuel dump with railroad spur on Penzlinerstrasse:

Guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. There were ap-  
parently underground containers as four feed hoses were  
recognized.

j. Fuel dump west of the Penzlin road, north of the dis-  
mantled railroad line to Waren:

guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. Fuel barrels  
were observed. There may be also underground containers  
as hosepipes were observed.

k. (1) Tank trucks having an esti-  
mated capacity of 3,000 liters each, and truck  
loaded with barrels, all driven by soldiers wearing red-  
bordered black epaulets, were identified entering Neu-  
strelitz from the direction of Fuerstenberg.

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(2) Three trucks,  
towing canvas-covered guns and occupied by 10 to 15 men  
each, crossed the market square from the south and turned  
into Penzlinerstrasse.

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2. Barracks on Lierkerstrasse:

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Trucks [ ] were identified there (1).

3. Documents [ ] were found at the training field about 500 meters west of the Infanterie Kaserne on 23 February 1950 (2).

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4. a. Barracks on Lierkerstrasse:

(1) Occupied to capacity on 9 March 1950 by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Two AT guns of medium to heavy caliber were towed out of a garage in the eastern barracks section. About 300 troops held infantry drill in the barracks yard.

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- b. alte Kaserne NW of the main railroad station:

(1) On 9 March 1950 occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Officers wore artillery insignia. Sixty soldiers drilled in the barracks yard.

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- (2) Truck [ ] was parked in the barracks area (2).

- c. Restricted area "South" on Strelitzerstrasse:

(1) A section of the restricted area was occupied by troops on 9 March 1950. About 100 unarmed troops held drill exercises. Guards wore red-bordered black epaulets.

(2) Two of three cantonment buildings on the eastern perimeter of the settlement were used as garages for trucks (4).

- d. Restricted area "East", NE of Glanbeck Lake:

(1) Headquarters where many officers, mostly field officers with tank and artillery insignia and some infantry and medical officers were seen on 9 March 1950.

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e. Restricted houses on Fritz Reuterstrasse:

occupied on 9 March 1950 by about 100 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets. Officers with signal insignia were seen. Officers were observed going between these houses and the headquarters in restricted area "East" (3).

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Comment:

(1) and (2) Component units of the 9th Gds Tank Div are stationed in the barracks on the road to Penzlin (Douaumont Kaserne) and in the old barracks (alte Grenadier Kaserne), according to periodic information by other sources. The two barracks were still occupied

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to capacity on 9 March 1950 (F). Available information indicates that the restricted areas mentioned may be occupied as follows:

(3) Restricted area "East" (including Hohenzieritzerstrasse, Luisenstrasse and Fritz Reuterstrasse): HQ 9th Gds Tank Div. Elements of the headquarters, possibly the headquarters guard detachment, are in the restricted area NW of the Hohenzieritzerstrasse and on Fritz Reuterstrasse.

(4) Restricted area "South" (settlement on Strelitzerstrasse): Billets for married officers and NCOs and their dependents. According to the report also occupied by a unit of about company strength.

(5) The hospital on Luisenstrasse undoubtedly is the Neustrelitz military post hospital.

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